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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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May 21, 1985

The Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am pleased to inform you that we are now accepting nominations for the tenth presentation of the Congressional Excalibur Award.

August 15, 1985, is the deadline for your agency to submit one or more nominations to this office which should include a letter of nomination, limited to one page, and a summary of each nominee's achievements. Nominations received after this date will be considered for a future award. As in the past, nominations for earlier Excalibur Awards will be reviewed once again.

All federal employees, civilian and military, are eligible for the Excalibur Award, and can be nominated by officials of either federal agencies or private organizations. Members of the general public may also offer nominations. Awards are given to individuals and to teams of persons working together on a specific project.

Last October, I was privileged to honor four outstanding federal employees at the ninth presentation of the Excalibur Award: Ms. Christina R. Frias and the Rev. William Nelson of the Veterans Administration were honored for their contributions to health care, and Dr. John A. Parker and Mr. Demetrius A. Kourtides of NASA were recognized for their extensive research in aviation fire prevention. Ms. Frias has been involved in providing care for the aging, and the Rev. Nelson has assisted patients and families in coping with death and dying. Aircraft seating will be safer thanks to the fireproof seating materials developed by Dr. Parker and Mr. Kourtides.

The Honorable William J. Casey
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I encourage you to publicize the Excalibur Award and the upcoming nomination period for the tenth presentation. Enclosed for your reference is a fact sheet, further describing the Award, and a flyer for posting on a bulletin board. I look forward to receiving one or more nominations from your agency.

Sincerely,


Michael D. Barnes

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Excalibur award

excellence in public service

congressional award for
Federal civilian and military personnel



Congressman Barnes presents the Seventh Excalibur Award for excellence in federal government service to Carlos J. Romero (left) and Frank T. Davis. Mr. Davis, an Outplacement Officer at the General Accounting Office, is a highly regarded career counselor successfully placing an average of 200 employees each year. Mr. Romero was honored for his role in furthering federal sector employment for women and minorities. He is an Equal Opportunity Specialist with the Labor Department.

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about the many outstanding
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EXCALIBUR AWARD

FACT SHEET

Congressman Michael D. Barnes (D-8-Md.), Chairman of the Federal Government Service Task Force, initiated the Excalibur Award in 1979. The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor outstanding contributions made by federal civilian and military personnel.

WHAT ARE ITS OBJECTIVES?

- o To encourage initiative and excellence in performance by government employees
- o To publicize such achievements and enhance public appreciation of the merit and performance of government employees, helping to counter the negative image sometimes associated with government service
- o To help attract talented persons to the federal service

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF NOMINEES?

On a regular basis, candidates for the Excalibur Award are sought who exemplify:

- o Outstanding efforts or leadership in solving problems at local, national, or international levels
- o Exceptional scientific, technical, or administrative achievements
- o Superior service to the public, such as the improvement of efficiency including simplification of government regulations
- o Ability to overcome obstacles to organizational objectives, such as making substantial savings in expenditures
- o High personal integrity, moral character and courage in dealing with difficult or sensitive problems

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- o Unusual degree of imagination and initiative involved in a specific achievement impacting on the agency and the public

WHO IS ELIGIBLE AND HOW ARE NOMINATIONS MADE?

All federal career civilian and military employees are eligible. Normally, each award goes to one individual, but a small team of persons who have worked jointly on a project may also be considered.

Nominations are invited on a continuing basis from heads and other officials of federal departments and agencies, from other organizations and from the general public.

Nominations summarizing the individual's achievement should not exceed one page in length. Interested persons should advise Rep. Michael D. Barnes, Room 401 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 (202-225-5341) of their nominees.

WHO WILL SELECT THE AWARD RECIPIENT?

Final selections are made by an impartial committee, appointed by Rep. Barnes, composed of eight distinguished citizens drawn from a wide variety of professions and experiences. The Chairman of the Excalibur Award Selection Committee is Mr. Harry McPherson, attorney and former White House Counsel to President Lyndon Johnson. Other Selection Committee members include: Hon. Joseph D. Tydings, attorney and former U.S. Senator from Maryland; Mr. Nicholas Nolan, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Government Employees; Dr. Estelle Ramey, professor of Physiology and Biochemistry at Georgetown University Medical School and Advisor to the Director of the National Institutes of Health; Mr. John Heller, Assistant to the Comptroller General of the United States; Mr. Robert R. Nathan, economic consultant; Mr. Gary Hymel, Gray & Co.; Mr. Chris Matthews, Assistant to House Speaker Tip O'Neill; and Dr. Douglas Labier, psychoanalyst and associate with the Washington-based Project on Technology, Work and Character.

HOW IS THE AWARD GIVEN?

The award is granted in the form of a plaque and an honorary citation. It is presented by Rep. Barnes at a ceremony held at the U.S. Capitol, in the presence of other members of Congress, officials of the executive branch, members of the Excalibur Award Selection Committee, and representatives of the news media.